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JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTER, SRENAO SONODA, MADE IMPASSIONED
STATEMENT TO SSOD PLENARY, INTERRUPTED SEVERAL TIMES BY
APPLAUSE FROM LARGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIVES OF JAPANESE
NGO'S IN AUDIENCE. SPEECH CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON NEED
FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ADVOCATED NEGATIVE SECURITY
GUARANTEES, CONCLUSION OF CTB AND MORATORIUM ON TESTING
UNTIL TREATY WORKED OUT, AND ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS
BY ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES.

SONODA EXPRESSED JAPANS "DISAPPOINTMENT AND FRUSTRATION"
WITH ARMS RACE AND LARGE NUMBER OF ARMED CONFLICTS FOLLOW-
ING ESTABLISHMENT OF UN 33 YEARS AGO. HE HOPED SSOD
WOULD BE "ONE CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENT" OF DISARMAMENT
EFFORTS SINCE THE WAR. HE HELD UP HIS OWN COUNTRY AS
AN ECONOMIC POWER WHICH, IN THE PAST, HAD ALSO BEEN
A MILITARY POWER. HOWEVER, HE SAID,"JAPAN HAS REJECTED
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SUCH A COURSE, AND HAS CONSISTENTLY ENDEAVORED TO USE
ITS ECONOMIC CAPABILITIES FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE STABI-
LITY AND PROSPERITY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY."
CITING JAPANESE CONSTITUTION, IT REJECTS WAR AS INSTRUMENT
OF NATIONAL POLICY, IS DEDICATED TO CASTING PEACE, AND
IS A "PIONEER" IN NEW STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOR. IT EXPRESSED
THE HORROR OF NUCLEAR WAR; 300,000 PEOPLE DIED IN HEROSHI-

MA AND NAGASAKI, AND 370,000 SUFFER STILL THE AGONIES OF THOSE BOMBINGS. HE SAID HE HOPED THE TRAGEDY WOULD NEVER BE REPEATED.

CITING "THE STRONG DESIRE" OF JAPANESE PEOPLE FOR ABOLITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HIS COUNTRY HAS "CONSISTENTLY UP HELD THE THREE NON-NUCLEAR PRINCIPLES--OF NOT POSSESSING, NOT MANUFACTURING, AND NOT PERMITTING THE ENTRY INTO JAPAN OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS-EVEN THOUGH IT POSSESSES THE CAPACITY TO DEVELOP SUCH WEAPONS." HE STRONGLY URGED NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES "TO MAKE EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WILL NEVER BE USED, AND TO BANISH ALL NUCLEAR WEAPONS FROM THE EARTH." HE CALLED THIS "OUR DUTY TOWARDS THE GENERATIONS TO COME." NEVERTHELESS, HE NOTED THE REQUIREMENTS OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND THE EXISTING BALANCE OF POWER REGIONALLY AND WORLD-WIDE REQUIRED A STEP BY STEP APPROACH TO GENERAL AND COMPLETE DISARMAMENT, WITH CONCRETE AND FEASIBLE MEASURES.

TURNING TO THE MAIN ISSUES HE CALLED NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT THE HIGHEST PRIORITY, FIRST HALTING THE ARMS RACE AND THEN REDUCING ARSENALS. SECONDLY HE SAID WE MUST PREVENT ANY FURTHER INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NUCLEAR ARMED STATES BY MAKING NPT UNIVERSAL, WHILE PURSUING IN HARMONY THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY AS AN ESSENTIAL ENERGY SOURCE. HE CALLED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS UNCLASSIFIED

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FREE ZONES "WHERE SUITABLE CONDITIONS EXIST," AS USEFUL IN PREVENTING PROLIFERATION. HE CALLED ON THE NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES TO GIVE SUCH ZONES THEIR "POSITIVE SUPPORT," INCLUDING ASSURANCES NOT TO ATTACK SUCH ZONES WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS." RETURNING TO THE NEED FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT IN ORDER TO PREVENT INCREASE IN NUMBER OF NUCLEAR WEAPON STATES, HE SAID, "THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS IN THE EFFORTS SO FAR MADE BY THE NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES FOR A REDUCTION OF THEIR NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS. I CANNOT HELP FEELING A SENSE OF DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT AND STRONG FRUSTRATION." HE PLACED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS ON THE US AND USSR AND SAID HE STRONGLY REQUESTED THEM TO WORK FOR "EARLIEST POSSIBLE CONCLUSION" OF SALT II FOLLOWED BY FURTHER TALKS FOR THE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION OF THEIR STRATEGIC ARMS. HE URGED CHINA AND FRANCE TO ADHERE TO LTBT AND NPT AND TO PARTICIPATE IN CTB NEGOTIATIONS.

HE SAID FIRST STEP TO HALT NUCLEAR ARMS RACE WOULD BE A CTB, ASKED THAT US, UK, AND USSR SUBMIT ELEMENTS OF AN AGREEMENT SO THAT CCD COULD START WORK THIS SUMMER. FURTHER, HE REQUESTED ALL STATES TO REFRAIN FROM TESTING NOW, EVEN BEFORE TREATY IS CONCLUDED. HE THEN URGED

NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES TO HALT PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR FISSIONABLE MATERIALS FOR EXPLOSIVES PURPOSES, EXCEPT FOR SUCH QUANTITIES AS ARE NECESSARY FOR NON-EXPLOSIVE AND NON-WEAPON PURPOSES, AND CALLED ON NUCLEAR-WEAPON STATES TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS. HE OFFERED JAPAN'S "HIGHLY ADVANCED SEISMOLOGICAL RESEARCH" AS A CONTRIBUTION TO VERIFICATION.

SONODA ALSO CALLED FOR BAN ON CW; SAID JAPAN REFRAINS FROM EXPORTING WEAPONS TO ANY PART OF THE WORLD AND THUS MAINTAINS A "UNIQUE" POSITION "HIGHLY EXCEPTIONAL AMONG THE ADVANCED INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES; AND CALLED FOR AN INITIATIVE TO STUDY INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF CONVENTIONAL

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ARMS, SAYING THAT JUST BECAUSE QUESTION IS DELICATE AND DIFFICULT, IT SHOULD NOT BE BYPASSED. HE HOPED FIRST STEPS IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE TAKEN AT SSOD. HE CALLED FOR RESTRAINT ON MILITARY SPENDING IN ORDER TO DEVOTE RESOURCES TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. HE ALSO SAID, "WE MUST BREAK THE VICIOUS CYCLE IN WHICH MUTUAL DISTRUST CAUSES AN INCREASE IN ARMAMENTS AND INCREASES IN ARMAMENTS BREED DISTRUST. INSTEAD WE MUST BUILD RELATIONSHIPS IN WHICH MUTUAL TRUST PROMOTES DISARMAMENT AND DISARMAMENT BUILDS MUTUAL TRUST."

IN CONCLUSION, HE RETURNED FOR A THIRD TIME TO HIS "DEEP CONVICTIONS ON THE QUESTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS." HE SAID THEIR POSSESSORS KNOW THEIR HORROR BETTER THAN

ANYONE. DELEGATES WHO REPRESENT NON-NUCLEAR STATES
"ARE UNDER THE DARK SHADOW OF EXISTING NUCLEAR WEAPONS.
WE CAN NEVER FORGET THE HORRIFYING HOLOCAUST WHICH COULD
BE CAUSED BY NUCLEAR WEAPONS."
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